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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 April 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 7-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1 – 6 are cancelled.

Double Patenting

- (1). A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101 which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).
- (2). A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.
- (3). Claims 21-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 6,14-20 of prior U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. This is a double patenting rejection.
- (4). Claims 10 & 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 3 of prior U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. This is a double patenting rejection.
- (5). The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double

patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

(6). Claim 8 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 3 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 8 is anticipated by claim 3 of prior art.

(7). Claim 9 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2 & 3 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 9 is anticipated by combination of claim 2 & 3 of prior art.

(8). Claim 11 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 & 4 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 11 is anticipated by combination of claim 3 & 4 of prior art.

(9). Claim 12 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 & 5 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 12 is anticipated by combination of claim 3 & 5 of prior art.

(10). Claim 14 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 & 7 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 14 is anticipated by combination of claim 3 & 7 of prior art.

(11). Claim 15 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 & 8 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 15 is anticipated by combination of claim 3 & 8 of prior art.

(12). Claim 16 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 & 9 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 16 is anticipated by combination of claim 3 & 9 of prior art.

(13). Claim 17 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 & 10 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 17 is anticipated by combination of claim 3 & 10 of prior art.

(14). Claim 18 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 & 11 of U.S. Patent No.

US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 16 is anticipated by combination of claim 3 & 11 of prior art.

(15). Claim 19 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 & 12 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 19 is anticipated by combination of claim 3 & 12 of prior art.

(16). Claim 20 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 & 13 of U.S. Patent No. US006653400B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 20 is anticipated by combination of claim 3 & 13 of prior art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ives Wu whose telephone number is 571-272-1114. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on 571-272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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